

**Witness List**  
**116<sup>th</sup> Congress**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Veterans' Affairs**  
**Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs**

**Hybrid Oversight Hearing**

**“The Toxic World of Presumptive Service Connection Determinations: Why Should Our Veterans Wait?”**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Capitol Visitors Center, Room HVC-210 and Cisco WebEx**

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*\*\*Indicates virtual participation*

**Panel 1**

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**Panel 2**

**The Honorable David Shulkin MD\*\***  
*Former Secretary*  
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**Statements for the Record**

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)

Veterans for Common Sense (VCS)

National Organization of Veterans' Advocates (NOVA)